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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, OCTOBER 30, 2001

APPLICATION OF

ENERGY CONSULTANTS, INC.

CASE NO. PUE010581

For a permanent license to
conduct business as an
electric aggregator

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT

On October 15, 2001, Energy Consultants, Inc., ("Energy Consultants" or "the Company"), filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for a license to provide competitive electric aggregation services. This application seeks authority to serve residential and commercial customers in the electric retail access programs throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia as the Commonwealth opens up to retail access and customer choice. The Company attested that it would abide by all applicable regulations of the Commission as required by 20 VAC 5-312-40 B.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of Energy Consultants' application for an aggregation license, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that Energy Consultants' application should be docketed; that the Commission Staff should conduct an investigation into the reasonableness of the request to become licensed as an

aggregator for electric service and present its findings in a Staff Report; that this Order should be served upon appropriate persons; and that these persons should have an opportunity to comment on Energy Consultants' request to be licensed as an aggregator for electric service.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This application shall be docketed and assigned Case No. PUE010581.

(2) A copy of the application and supporting documents shall be made available for public inspection in the Commission's Document Control Center, located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, during the Commission's regular hours of operation, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(3) On or before November 9, 2001, Energy Consultants shall serve a copy of this Order upon each utility listed on Attachment A to this Order.

(4) On or before November 16, 2001, the Company shall file with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P. O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118 proof of the notice required in Ordering Paragraph (3) herein.

(5) Any interested person may request a copy of the application, accompanying materials, and this Order by directing a request in writing to the Company, c/o Steven Holcomb, President, Energy Consultants, Inc., 421 S. Lynnhaven Road, Suite 101, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23452. The Company shall, within three (3) days of receipt of the request, serve the requested documents upon the person making such request.

(6) An original and fifteen (15) copies of any comments on the application shall be filed on or before November 16, 2001, with the Clerk of the Commission at the address identified in Ordering Paragraph (4). Comments must refer to Case No. PUE010581. A copy of such comments must also be served on or before November 16, 2001, by first-class mail, or hand-delivered, to the Company, c/o Steven Holcomb, President, at the address identified in Ordering Paragraph (5).

(7) The Commission Staff shall analyze the reasonableness of Energy Consultants' application and shall present its findings in a Staff Report to be filed on or before November 20, 2001.

(8) On or before November 27, 2001, the Company shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies and any response it may have to the Staff Report.

(9) The Company shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within five (5) calendar days after the receipt

of the same. Interrogatories and data requests, as well as the responses thereto, shall be transmitted via facsimile as well as by first-class mail. Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10, et seq.

(10) This matter shall be continued generally.